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Identity Theft Victim Complaint Data

**Figures and Trends on Identity Theft
In Florida**

January 1 – December 31, 2001

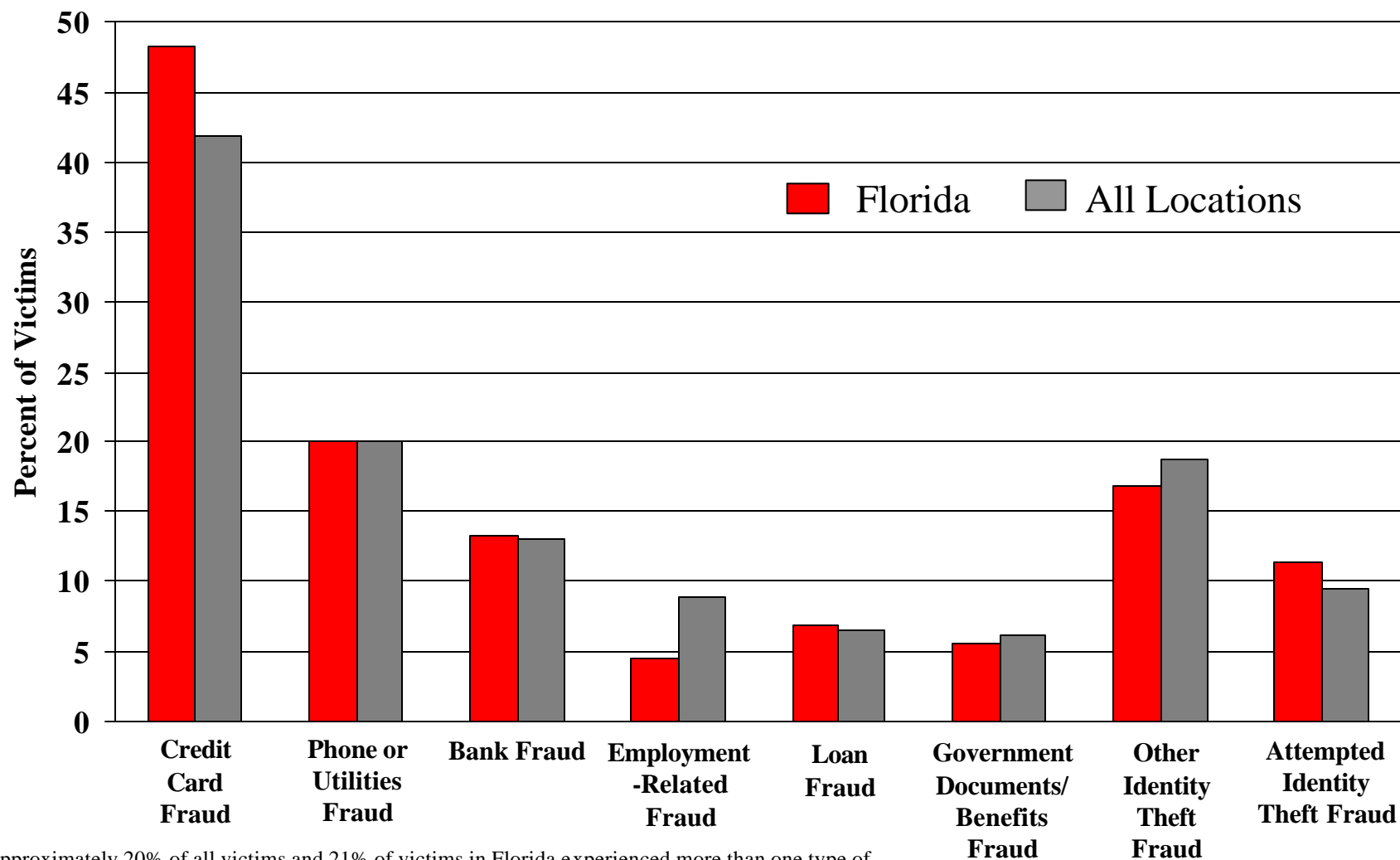
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How Victims' Information Is Used¹

January 1 – December 31, 2001



¹ Approximately 20% of all victims and 21% of victims in Florida experienced more than one type of identity theft. This chart contains the percentage of victims experiencing each theft type.



How Victims' Information Is Used¹

Total Number of Identity Theft Victims: Florida=5,696 * All Locations=86,168**

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Bank Fraud Complaints:

Florida – 758 * All Locations – 11,268**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i> | <i>Florida</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Existing Accounts | 5.7% | 6.2% |
| New Accounts | 3.1 | 2.7 |
| Electronic Fund Transfer | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Unspecified | 2.3 | 2.3 |

Credit Card Fraud Complaints:

Florida – 2,750 * All Locations – 36,020**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i> | <i>Florida</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| New Accounts | 31.1% | 26.0% |
| Existing Accounts | 11.5 | 10.2 |
| Unspecified | 5.6 | 5.6 |

Government Documents/Benefits Fraud Complaints:

Florida – 312 * All Locations – 5,309**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i> | <i>Florida</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Driver's License Issued / Forged | 3.0% | 2.7% |
| Fraudulent Tax Return | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| Social Security Card Issued/Forged | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Gov't Benefits Applied For / Rec'd | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Other Gov't Docs Issued / Forged | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Unspecified | 0.1 | 0.2 |

Attempted Identity Theft Fraud Complaints:

Florida – 645 * All Locations – 8,227**

Employment-Related Fraud Complaints:

Florida – 254 * All Locations – 7,685**

Loan Fraud Complaints:

Florida – 395 * All Locations – 5,595**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i> | <i>Florida</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Personal / Business Loan | 3.4% | 3.4% |
| Auto Loan / Lease | 2.2 | 1.8 |
| Real Estate Loan | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Unspecified | 0.6 | 0.6 |

Other Identity Theft Fraud Complaints:

Florida – 960 * All Locations – 16,095**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i> | <i>Florida</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Other | 10.9% | 12.9% |
| Illegal / Criminal | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Medical | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| Internet / E-Mail | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Apartment / House Rented | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Bankruptcy | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Securities / Other Investments | 0.2 | 0.2 |

Phone or Utilities Fraud Complaints:

Florida – 1,143 * All Locations – 17,294**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i> | <i>Florida</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Wireless - New | 9.8% | 9.7% |
| Telephone - New | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| Utilities - New | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| Unauthorized Charges | | |
| to Existing Accounts | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Unspecified | 2.1 | 2.3 |

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Identity Theft Victims¹

January 1 – December 31, 2001

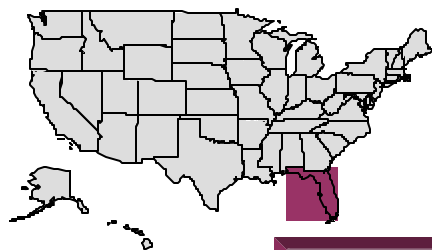
Top 10 States (number of victims)

| Location | No. |
|-----------------|--------|
| 1. California | 15,115 |
| 2. New York | 7,076 |
| 3. Texas | 6,496 |
| 4. Florida | 5,696 |
| 5. Illinois | 3,784 |
| 6. Pennsylvania | 2,704 |
| 7. Georgia | 2,592 |
| 8. Michigan | 2,589 |
| 9. New Jersey | 2,575 |
| 10. Ohio | 2,283 |

Top 10 States (victims per 100,000)

| Location | Rate |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1. District of Columbia | 76.7 |
| 2. California | 44.6 |
| 3. Nevada | 40.5 |
| 4. Maryland | 37.3 |
| 5. New York | 37.3 |
| 6. Arizona | 36.9 |
| 7. Oregon | 36.7 |
| 8. Florida | 35.6 |
| 9. Washington | 35.0 |
| 10. Georgia | 31.7 |

¹ 92% of victims reported their state location.

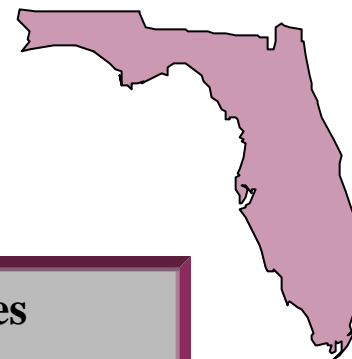


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Identity Theft Victims

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Top 10 Cities Nationwide (number of victims)

| City | No. |
|----------------------------|------------|
| New York City ¹ | 3,315 |
| Chicago | 1,470 |
| Los Angeles | 1,351 |
| Houston | 1,217 |
| <u>Miami</u> | <u>911</u> |
| San Francisco | 601 |
| Philadelphia | 598 |
| Phoenix | 537 |
| Las Vegas | 534 |
| San Diego | 503 |

Top 10 Cities In Florida (number of victims)

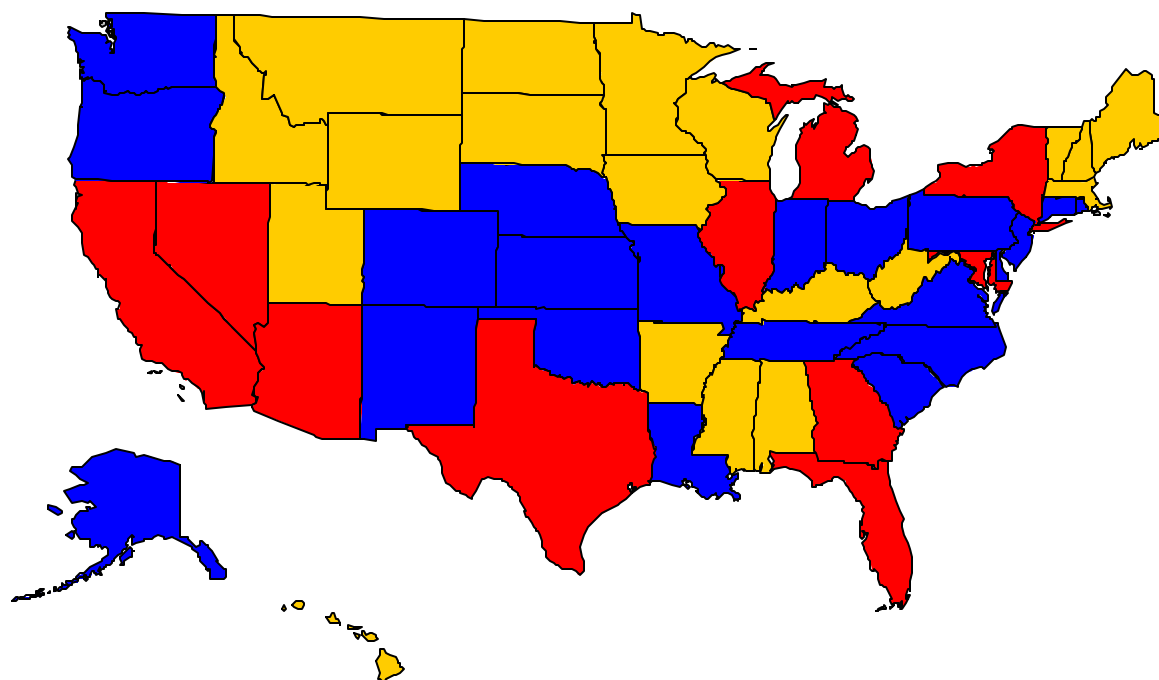
| City | No. |
|-----------------|-----|
| Miami | 911 |
| Jacksonville | 266 |
| Orlando | 254 |
| Tampa | 228 |
| Fort Lauderdale | 130 |
| Boca Raton | 121 |
| Hollywood | 103 |
| West Palm Beach | 93 |
| Hialeah | 87 |
| Sarasota | 73 |

¹"New York City" includes the five boroughs: Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island.



Identity Theft Suspects by State (Per 100,000)¹

January 1 – December 31, 2001



Yellow Less Than 11 Blue 11-17 Red More Than 17

Identity Theft Suspects Top 10 Locations (suspects per 100,000)

| Location | Rate |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1. District of Columbia | 72.9 |
| 2. Nevada | 30.5 |
| 3. Florida | 28.7 |
| 4. California | 27.3 |
| 5. New York | 26.7 |
| 6. Georgia | 23.3 |
| 7. Arizona | 22.5 |
| 8. Maryland | 21.7 |
| 9. Illinois | 19.3 |
| 10. Michigan | 17.5 |

¹Note that victims frequently do not know or do not provide a state location for a suspect.